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e. request generating means (REQUEST GENERATOR), coupled to said request handling means (REQUEST HANDLER) and adapted to generate in case said at least one requested channel (TV6) is not available at said input of said broadcasting unit (BCU2) second type request information indicative for said unavailable requested channel (TV6); and

f. request transmitting means (REQUEST TX), coupled to said request generating means (REQUEST GENERATOR) and adapted to transmit said second type request information to another broadcasting unit (BCU1).

5           2. Broadcasting unit (BCU2) according to claim 1,

CHARACTERIZED IN THAT said request generating means (REQUEST GENERATOR) is adapted to generate said second type request information in accordance with a standard zapping protocol already used for said first type request information.

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3. Broadcasting unit (BCU2) according to claim 1,

CHARACTERIZED IN THAT said request generating means (REQUEST GENERATOR) is adapted to generate said second type request information in accordance with a standard signalling protocol.

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4. Access network (ACCESS NETWORK) enabled to broadcast channels (TV1, TV2) of a distributive interactive service to a plurality of user terminals (UT1, UT2, UT3), said access network (ACCESS NETWORK) comprising a plurality of broadcasting units (BCU2, BCU3) as defined by claim 1 organised in a multi-level topology.

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